



PRESS RELEASE

ABSENTEE VOTERS

NOVEMBER 8 MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

Recent changes in election laws affect absentee voting applications and ballots in the upcoming November 8 Municipal elections.

Absentee Ballot applications may be obtained either from the Town Clerk's office of the Secretary of the State's website at any time. Absentee Ballots will be available October 7, 2005

Absentee Ballot Applications from the Town Clerk's office must be numbered. Because of this we have had to discontinue the downloading of applications from the Easton website. Individuals may collect up to four applications for family members.

Others may collect unlimited numbers of applications but must return a list of the name and address of the persons that they gave them to before Election Day [11/8/2005]. The Town Clerk's office is required to inform the Election Enforcement Commission [EEC] if the list is not returned on time. The EEC has indicated that they intend to prosecute those who do not return the list on time.

Alternately, an unnumbered Application may be downloaded from the Secretary of the State's website. You can navigate to that website from the Easton website [www.eastonct.org]. Select Town Clerk and then Voter Registration and then follow the link to Secretary of the State's site. At that site select Download Forms, then Election Forms. In the Election forms section select 'English Language Application for Absentee Ballot Form'. This form is also available in Spanish.

You may navigate directly to the Secretary of the State's website at <http://www.sots.ct.gov> and then follow the rest of the directions to the form.

Valerie Buckley, Senior Center Director has been appointed Deputy Registrar of Voters. She will visit with House bound, or physically disabled, voters who cannot obtain applications and ballots in person, or from the web. She can be reached at the Senior Center at 203-268-1145. Alternately you may call the Town Clerk's office at 203-268-6291. Anybody who needs help please call.

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